

SARS

WHAT SHOULD I DO TO PROTECT MYSELF AND OTHERS?

- Wash hands often and thoroughly with alcohol-based hand rubs or soap and water.
- Wear a surgical mask around SARS patients if they are unable to wear their own mask.
- Do not share eating/drinking utensils, towels, or bedding with SARS patients.
- Keep patient area clean of used tissues and surgical masks – place in closed bags and dispose of in regular household trash.
- Clean surfaces using household disinfectants.
- Wear disposable gloves when touching things that might have the SARS patient's body fluids on them, like tissues, masks, bedclothes.
- Follow advice of health care provider, hospital infection control or public health professional.

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